

**ECONOMY BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY REGULAR MEETING**

*DATE: Feb. 6, 2023*

Present: J. Blumling, D. Carlson, M. Kowalski, D. Lang, A. Mutschler, C. Pcsolyar, S. Kambic (substitute for C. Ristau; Planning Commission Consultant).

Absent: R. Kowal.

Others Present: none.

After one change (add "o" to spell Borough), the minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting were approved as submitted on a motion by Chad Pcsolyar. Seconded by Don Lang. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Zoning Certificate/Permit Language Updates: At request of Borough Manager and Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Planning Commission Consultant Ristau received Ordinance Chapter 180 to update Certificate of Occupancy, Zoning Permit, and Zoning Certification letter and process.

The reason for the update was to ensure that the ordinance requires certificates of occupancy for residential, commercial, and accessory uses including those under 1,000 square feet, which are exempt from building permit requirements but still must meet zoning setbacks. In addition, a new certificate process was needed to certify the use of a property when a property changes owner. This new certificate is in accordance with Pennsylvania Act of Assembly #652, approved September 20, 1961. During the process of updating the ordinance for these two purposes, we identified a need to rename the existing Zoning Certificate to Zoning Permit as the existing process is a permit process and not a certification.

Revised language reviewed at the meeting. There was some discussion.

**Action taken:** Motion by Audrey Mutschler to recommend approval to the Borough Council of the amended Occupancy Permit Ordinance. Seconded by Chad Pcsolyar. Motion approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. House Numbers: Myron Kowalski reported no new activity.

2. Topics Requiring Discussion: Chairman Blumling to follow-up with the Borough Manager regarding the previously prepared fowl ordinance. Chairman also reported that our Forestry ordinance will need to be updated to be more inclusive and consistent with state regulations.

3. Year End Report: Substitute Planning Commission Consultant Kambic reported that work continues on the 2022 Year End Report.

Motion to adjourn by Chad Pcsolyar, seconded by Don Lang. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary